(iii) Ladder-point security check of passengers and their hand-baggage made mandatory; and

(iv) Strengthening of perimeter security.

Request for purchase of aircrafts

4229. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airlines which have requested the Government for purchase of aircrafts;

(b) what are the details of the proposal submitted by these airlines; and

(c) whether Government have asked these airlines to submit the source of funding of these aircrafts and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its meeting held on 27.3.2002 have approved a proposal for acquisition of 43 aircrafts at a net project cost of Rs. 10,089 crores. The Project Report submitted by Indian Airlines is under consideration of the Government. When a final decision is taken, modalities of funding will be worked out.

As regards private airlines the consideration of proposal for import of aircraft by private scheduled/non-scheduled airlines is an ongoing process. At present the requests received from following airlines are under consideration of the Government:

Name of Company	Request
M/s Orient Airways Private Limited	Import of 3 Piper Chieftain aircrafts (8 seater).
M/s Lanlet Airways Private Limited	Import of 3 Beech 1900 aircrafts (19 seater).
M/s Himalayan Heli Services	Import of 1 SA 315.B Lama Helicopter (on lease).

The applicants are required to give proposed financing pattern and profitability analysis with the application form.